

Brant Historical Society



Manual, 1920

Brantford, Canada

MANUAL
OF THE
Brant Historical Society
Brantford, Canada

Established May 11th, 1908

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Brantford, Ont., June, 1920

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The Brant Historical Society was organized on Monday evening, May 11, 1908, at a meeting held in the Conservatory of Music on Nelson Street, Brantford, Ont. Those present were Mrs. H. F. Leonard, Mrs. S. F. Passmore, Mrs. M. F. Muir, Mrs. John Martin, Miss A. I. G. Gilkinson, Miss Hale, Miss Wye, Miss Raymond, His Honour Judge Hardy, Mr. H. F. Gardiner, M.A., Ex-Mayor W. G. Raymond, Ex-Mayor S. G. Read, Mr. R. H. Reville, Mr. Albert Waldron and Mr. S. F. Passmore, M.A.

The officers of the society have served as follows:

HONORARY PRESIDENTS

His Honor Judge Hardy, 1910.
W. F. Cockshutt, M.P., 1912-1919.
W. B. Race, B.A., 1919.

PRESIDENTS

His Honor Judge Hardy, 1908-1910.
Major Gordon Smith 1910-1912.
S. F. Passmore, M.A., 1912-1915.
T. W. Standing, B.A., 1915-1917.
Rev. G. A. Woodside, M.A., 1917-1919.
C. S. Tapscott, B.A., 1919.

VICE-PRESIDENTS

Miss Gilkinson, 1908.
A. J. Wilkes, K.C., 1908-1910.
T. W. Standing, B.A., 1910-1915.
Jno. Sanderson, 1914-1915.
Rev. G. A. Woodside, M.A., 1915-1917.
C. S. Tapscott, B.A., 1915-1918.
J. S. Rowe, 1917.
Dr. Keane, 1919.

SECRETARIES

S. F. Passmore, 1908-1912.
Mrs. M. A. Brown, 1912-1914.
Jas. S. Rowe, 1914-1916.
J. W. Gordon, B.A., B.D., 1916-1919.
W. E. Foster, 1918.
R. W. E. McFadden, B.A., 1919.

TREASURERS

Mrs. H. F. Leonard, 1908-1910.

Miss Carrie Gillen, 1910-1911.

Mr. E. R. Read, B.A., LL.B., 1912.

HISTORIANS

Mrs. Brown and Mrs. C. Livingstone, Miss E. Johnston, 1912.

Miss Colter, 1916-1917.

W. M. Eadie, B.A., 1917-1918.


J. W. Gordon, M.A., B.D., 1918.

CURATORS

E. Henwood, 1908-1912.

Major H. F. Leonard 1912-1919.

Reginald Whale, 1919.



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OFFICERS FOR 1920-1921

Hon. Presidents

HIS HONOR JUDGE HARDY

W. B. RACE, B.A.

President

C. S. TAPSCOTT, B.A.

Vice-Presidents

M. J. KEANE, M.D.C.M.

JAS. S. ROWE

Secretary

R. W. E. McFADDEN, B.A.

Treasurer

E. R. READ, B.A., LL.B.

Historian

J. W. GORDON, M.A., B.D.

Curator

REGINALD WHALE

Auditors

S. F. PASSMORE, M.A.

MAJOR GORDON J. SMITH

Museum Committee

MR. REGINALD WHALE, R. W. E. McFADDEN, B.A., T. W.
STANDING, B.A., S. F. PASSMORE, M.A.

Publishing Committee

R. W. E. McFADDEN, B.A.

C. S. TAPSCOTT, B.A.

Constitution and By-Laws

I.—NAME.

The Society shall be known by the name of "The Brant Historical Society."

I.—OBJECT.

The object of the Society shall be to encourage research into the history of Brant County, to secure an accurate account of its progress and development and to promote a spirit for the preservation of records and memorials of a local and national character.

III.—MEMBERSHIP.

Any person may become a member by paying in advance an annual fee of fifty cents.

IV.—OFFICERS.

The officers shall consist of a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Curator of Museum, one or more Honorary Presidents.

V.—EXECUTIVE.

The Executive Council shall consist of the President, the two Vice-Presidents, the Secretary and the Treasurer, and all Past Presidents in good standing. Three members shall form a quorum.

VI.—POWERS OF EXECUTIVE.

The Executive shall have control of all matters connected with the Society, in selecting time and place for holding meetings and the arrangement of programmes and shall certify all accounts for the payment of money and shall appoint two auditors of accounts.

VII.—AUXILIARY COMMITTEES.

There shall be two committees, one composed of ladies and the other of gentlemen. The duties of these committees shall be to assist the executive council in all matters pertaining to the welfare of the Society. The committees shall each consist of twelve members appointed by the Executive Council, four to form a quorum. Each committee shall have power to appoint a chairman and a secretary. They shall arrange matters submitted to them by the Executive Committee to whom they shall report.

VIII.—DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

President—The President of the Society shall be chairman of all meetings of the Executive Council and of all meetings of the Society and shall be ex-officio member of all committees.

Vice-Presidents—The Vice-Presidents in order of seniority shall preside at all meetings at which the President may not be present, or in his temporary absence. Should no President or Vice-President be in attendance at the hour appointed for any meeting, the majority of the members present may choose any person to act as chairman.

Secretary—The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the society and of the Executive Council, keep a true and accurate account of the proceedings and record them in a book specially prepared for that purpose, conduct all correspondence of the Society and issue notices of all meetings when directed by the Executive Council.

Treasurer—The Treasurer shall receive all moneys and issue receipts for the same, keep an accurate account of the financial standing of the members, pay all accounts authorized by the Executive Council and at the annual meeting of the Society submit an audited statement of the receipts and expenditures for the society year

Curator—The Curator shall be the custodian of all documents, records and other property of the Society.

IX.—AUDITORS.

Two auditors shall be appointed by the Executive Council, whose duties shall be to examine all accounts of the society and submit a report at the annual meeting.

X.—PUBLISHING COMMITTEE.

The President and the Secretary shall be a committee on publishing, printing and advertising.

XI.—MEETINGS.

1. Regular meetings of the Society shall be held on the evening of the second Thursday in each month from October to April inclusive.

2. Annual Meeting. The annual meeting shall be held on the thirteenth of March, on which day in 1830, Brantford was laid out by the Crown, unless otherwise appointed by the Executive Council.

3. The anniversary of the Society shall be Brant's Day, November 24th commemorative of Chief Brant's death in 1807.

XII.—ELECTIONS.

The officers shall be elected annually at the regular annual meeting of the Society. Should any office become vacant during the year, an election may be held at any regular meeting to fill the vacancy. The voting for officers shall be by ballot.

XIII.—DONATIONS.

All contributions of documents and relics of historic value will be thankfully received and officially acknowledged and due credit

given to the donors. Such contributions shall be the property of the Brant Historical Society, unless otherwise stipulated at the time of making the contributions.

XIV.—Copies of all paper read at the meetings of the Society, shall become the property of the Society.

XVI.—ALTERATIONS AND AMENDMENTS.

No change shall be made in the constitution and by-laws unless at least one month's notice in writing shall have been regularly submitted to the Society.

XVI.—ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1.—Reading of minutes of previous meeting, which if approved shall be signed by the presiding officer.

2. Correspondence.
3. Accounts.
4. Report of Committee.
5. Notice of Motion.
6. Election of Officers.
7. General Business.
8. Reading of papers, addresses and other entertainment.
9. Closing.

Brant Historical Society

Brant Historical Society endeavors to encourage the collection and preservation of historic records and relics, particularly those of great local value, to arouse interest in history and literature, and to strengthen loyalty and patriotism.

The Society meets at 8 p.m. on the first Friday of each month in the basement of the Public Library Building, George Street, Brantford.

The Annual Meeting of the Society is held on the thirteenth day of March, on which day in 1830, Brantford was laid out by the Crown.

The membership fee is 50 cents. Annual membership certificates may be obtained from the Secretary or through any member of the executive.

Twelfth Annual Report of Brant Historical Society

1919-1920

The past year has been marked throughout the world by unusual unrest associated with the problem of reconstruction consequent upon the termination of the Great War.

In such times concerns of individual interest seem to be supreme to the majority of mankind, while matters of historic interest with no guarantee of immediate material remuneration are left to the few—generally extremely busy men. Consequently the active membership of the Society is not as large as it should be.

The year has been marked by the entry of peace, which did not occasion the enthusiasm produced by the announcement of the Armistice terminating actual conflict, and, in Canada, by the visit of our future sovereign (D.V.) His Royal Highness, Edward, Prince of Wales. The occasion of the prince's visit to Brantford, where he was made a Chief of the Six Nations, October 20, was a gala day for every citizen.

During the year, Mr. F. D. Reville has made excellent progress with his "History of Brantford and Brant County." Brant County stands now in the splendid and enviable position as one of the few counties to have a history published in a single volume.

Much valuable historical work is being continued by the Society which is endeavoring to preserve faithful records of all the various relations of Brant County to the Great War, the records of municipal representatives and the members of parliament. Many valuable historical tasks have been assigned. Rev. Mr. Woodside presented an excellent paper, "The Honorable George Brown, a Brant County Farmer." Mr. Passmore is engaged in similar research work, while his Honor Judge Hardy is preparing a series of papers on "Industrial Leaders of Brantford."

Reference must be made to the historical activities of the Brantford Expositor. Mr. A. T. Whittaker compiled very accurate records of all soldiers enlisting in the city and for several months articles have appeared each week giving a biographical sketch of Brant County natives who have achieved fame in political, commercial, industrial and other phases of intensive human endeavor.

The Society refrained from issuing publications during the war. A manual has been prepared during the present year and papers presented to the Society will be published later.

Important additions have been made to the collections in the museum. Special note is made of the following donations:

Dr. Hutton—propeller of German Aeroplane.

Alex. Monk—Various Indian relics.

Mr. S. F. Passmore, a past president of the Society, contributed the dial and pendulum of the clock first used in Brantford's Municipal Hall, and also a large number of excellently preserved Indian relics and numerous publications of manifest historical value.

During the current year the Society intends to press the campaign to erect a suitable memorial to the late Hon. Arthur Sturgis Hardy and to Messrs. Robert Kennedy Duncan and Norman Duncan.

R. W. E. McFADDEN, Secretary.

Report of the Treasurer of Brant Historical Society

From March 1st, 1918, to March 1st, 1919

Receipts

Balance on Hand	\$ 239 91
By Membership Fees	5 00
By Bank Interest	3 49
By Grant Ontario Government	100 00
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	\$ 348 40

Disbursements

To J. W. Gordon, postage, 1917	\$ 3 00
To J. W. Gordon, expenses re Walker	5 00
To Brantford Courier re Walker advt.	3 18
To Brantford Expositor	3 72
To Conservatory of Music, rent of Hall	8 00
To Rev. G. Woodside, Ontario Historical Society	3 50
To Hurley Printing Co.	3 50
To T. Hendry, insurance on Museum for three years	3 25
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	\$ 33 15
Balance on hand	315 25
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	\$ 348 40

E. R. READ, Treasurer.

We certify that we have audited the books of the Treasurer of the Brant Historical Society to March 1st, 1919, and the above statement is correct.

S. F. PASSMORE	}	Auditors.
GORDON SMITH		

From March 1st, 1919, to March 1st, 1920

Receipts

By balance in Bank.....	\$ 315 25
By grant Ontario Government	100 00
By membership fees	6 00
By Bank Interest	11 27
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	\$ 432 52

Disbursements

To Courier Limited for file shelves	\$ 20 00
To R. W. E. McFadden—cartage of shelves and paper	2 00
To J. W. Gordon, postage	1 00
To F. D. Reville, grant to aid publication of History of Brantford	100 00
To Preston and Sons, advertising	1 00
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	\$ 124 00
Balance in Bank	308 52
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	\$432 52

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Activities of the Society

The Brant Historical Society has endeavored to collect and preserve all records and relics of historical value to the County of Brant and City of Brantford. To accommodate these articles the Public Library Board has graciously given the custody of the museum in the basement of the Public Library to this Society.

At the regular meetings of the Society addresses and papers are delivered dealing with selected phases of subjects of particular interest. These papers are kept on file by the Society and selections made for subsequent publication in the pamphlets issued by the Society.

Through the Historian the Society preserves a faithful chronicle of local events.

The Society endeavors to inaugurate and encourage schemes of particular historic interest. Through the Society a tablet was erected to the memory of the Indian poetess, Pauline Johnson, at entrance of Public Library and the Seal of Brant County was designed and the History of the Bell Memorial was compiled.

At present the Society is endeavoring to collect photographs and biographies of those who gave their lives in the Great War, photographs of places of historic interest, a bibliography of books, papers and manuscripts relative to the History of Brant County.

The Museum

The Society has already received a large quantity of curios, relics, specimens covering a wide range of scientific interest. These accumulations are being classified and arranged for display in the Museum in basement of the Public Library.

The Society will be pleased to accept donations which will be duly credited, in any of the following sections.

Manuscripts.

Maps.

Records of Local Municipal History.

Records of local institutions, churches, schools, etc.

Genealogical records of pioneer families.

Rosters of various wars.

Newspaper Collections. The Society has the files of the "Courier" and copies of earliest editions of various publications.

Engravings and photographs.

Geological and mineral specimens.

War Relics.

Indian Relics.

Donations to the Museum

All articles will be credited to the donor by means of donation cards. The value of these historical collections will be enhanced thereby.

The Society desires to express its sincere thanks to the donors of the following articles:

Reginald Whale—Collection of Indian relics, ornithological specimens, etc.

S. F. Passmore—Bound volumes of "London Times" and Western Advertiser 1853-1854. Collection of indian relics. Collection of records and publications of local interest. Dial and pendulum of clock of Municipal Hall, Brantford. Trustee Board Seal.

London, Book of Common Prayer (1787) with translation into Mohawk and Gospel of St. Mark by Capt. Joseph Brant, 1774.

London, Gold ring, formerly worn by Miss Betsy Brant, sister of Capt. Joseph Brant.

Walter T. Evans, Esq., Hamilton. Indenture, 1796 signed by Joseph Brant—deed of sale of land to Indians.

C. and J. C. Thomas—First lien granted in County.

Mrs. O. Steves—Brantford Courier, dated January 29, 1848.

Geo. Muirhead—5th and 6th Report of Bureau of Archives.

Mr. Standing.—Copy of Upper Canada Gazette, 1793.

Miss Gilkinson—Pictures of H. R. H. and Chiefs of the Six Nations Indians.

Miss Johnston—Proclamation Paper of 1838.

Illustrated Booklet, Earl Grey.

Jackson & Co.—Plan of farm of late Col. Talbot, by the late Lewis Burwell.

Mr. Dearness, London—Sketch of London in 1855.

Earl Grey—Copy of Duke of Northumberland's portrait of Joseph Brant.

John Wallace—Photo of Indian collection.

Major Nelles Ashton—Photo of contents of Brant's grave.

F. J. Bullock—Deeds of property, 1833. Tremaine's Map of Upper Canada 1862.

Prof. Siebert—"The Loyalists and Six Nations in Niagara Peninsula."

Mr. T. W. Standing—"Old Local Documents."

Mr. J. Sanderson—Palestinian plough and equipment.

Dominion Steel Products Co.—Shell.

Waterous Engine Works—Shell.

Ker and Goodwin—Shell.

Princess Viroquo—Indian utensils.

Mrs. Gardiner—Case of ornithological specimens.

J. Ross Robertson—Original drawing of Mohawk Church.

T. H. Preston—Bound Volume "New York Albion," 1844-1846.

Henry Yeigh—Portrait of Hon. A. S. Hardy.

Dr. Hutton—Propeller of German Aeroplane.

Publications of the Society

Some of the papers read during the years 1908-1911 at meeting of the Brant Historical Society.

Compiled by Major Gordon J. Smith and S. F. Passmore, M.A.—a pamphlet of 82 pages.

CONTENTS

1.—The First Medical Practitioner in the County of Brant—Dr. Ebenezer Lee, by S. F. Passmore, M.A.

2.—A Reminiscence of 1838—Defence of the Frontier—Mission of Lieut. Anderson. S. F. Passmore, M.A.

3.—Captain Joseph Brant.—Miss C. Gillen.

4.—Early History of Brantford.—Augusta I. G. Gilkison, March 14, 1910.

5.—Practical notes from a tour in Canada, by Adam Ferguson of Woodhill.

6.—Brant County Settlement—T. W. Standing, B.A.

7.—Land Tenure in Brant County, by Major Gordon J. Smith, Superintendent Six Nations.

8.—Whiteman's Creek—by Gordon J. Smith.

9.—Early Days in Brantford, by J. J. Hawkins.

10.—The Martin Settlement, Miss Evelyn H. C. Johnson.

11.—The old burial ground at Burford—Major M. F. Muir.

12.—Joseph Brant—Warrior and Statesman, by J. J. Hawkins.

13.—The Revolutionary War, Charles and James C. Thomas

Copies of this pamphlet may be obtained from the Secretary of the Society.

Papers Read to the Society which have not yet been published

Canon Bull—"Lundy's Lane."

Alex. Fraser—"Scope and Work of Bureau of Archives for Ontario."

F. O. Loft, (Toronto)—"Captain Joseph Brant, Man, Warrior and Statesman."

Miss Gilkinson—"Anniversary of Founding of Brantford, March 13, 1830."

Major Smith—"Mrs. Eva Johnson in Life of Captain Brant."

T. B. W. Henderson—"Graham Bell and the Phone."

Major Leonard—"Interviews with Pioneers regarding Historical Places in Brantford."

Mr. Standing—"History of Baptist Church, St. George."

Mrs. Brown—"Tecumseh."

Mr. Henwood—"Historical Letters."

Miss Gillen—"War of 1812."

Mr. Frank Cockshutt—"Letters and Life of the late Ignatius Cockshutt."

Mr. S. F. Passmore—"Brant County's First County Council."

Mr. S. F. Passmore—"Newspapers of Brantford."

Mr. J. R. Cornelius—"Letter from Princess Patricia."

Mr. S. F. Passmore—"History of Congregational Church in Brantford."

Mr. S. F. Passmore—"History of Presbyterian Church in Brant County."

T. W. Standing—"Historical Sketch of the Brant County Board of Examiners."

Jas. J. Rowe—"The War as it affects Brantford."

S. F. Passmore—"The Roman Catholic Church in Brantford."

Mr. W. W. Ellis—"Historical Sketch of the Village of Mt. Pleasant."

P. M. Shorey, B.A., B.Sc.—"Geology of Brant County and Surrounding District."

Rev. G. A. Woodside—"Canadian Poetry."

Sir Edmund Walker—"World Finance and War."

Mr. Douglas Reville—"The Brant Memorial in Victoria Park."

Rev. G. A. Woodside, M.A.—"Hon. George Brown, a Brant County Farmer."

The Pauline Johnson Memorial

On March 7th, 1917, at a public meeting of the Society, the bronze tablet in memory of the late Miss E. Pauline Johnson was unveiled with appropriate ceremony. On that occasion addresses were delivered by His Honour, Judge Hardy, Sir Robert Falconer, Mr. T. W. Standing, Mr. A. W. Burt, Mr. S. F. Passmore and Chief A. G. Smith of the Six Nations Indians.

The beautiful memorial, designed by Mr. Passmore, and handsomely engraved, has now been placed in the entrance hall of the Public Library.

It bears the following inscription:

In Memory of the Canadian Poetess

EMILY PAULINE JOHNSON
(Te-ka-hion-wa-ke)

A Mohawk, born March 10th, 1861, in Brant County, at "Chiefswood,"
Grand River Reserve of the Six Nations Indians.

Who died March 7th, 1913, at Vancouver, B. C., and after cremation
was interred in Stanley Park.

This Tablet was erected in Brantford, Ontario, by the
Brant Historical Society, March 7th, 1917.

Seal of County of Brant



Description of the Seal

The seal although comprehensive in device has been kept simple in design.

In the shield on a gold background an Indian in full accoutrement stands with pipe of peace in hand, his feet at the water's edge—symbolical of Brant's Ford on the Grand River.

In the vert of the shield is a gold wheel between two golden sheaves of wheat—symbolical of a manufacturing centre in an agricultural community.

The crest is a bear—a totem common to the Six Nations Indians, standing on the oak and pine bound together—emblem of British and Indian unity.

The motto, "Fidelitas et industria"—supplied by Past President, S. F. Passmore, is commemorative of the early Indian loyalty on one hand and indicative of industrial prominence in our own day.

The shield, crest and motto are encircled in a band bearing the inscription, "The Corporation of the County of Brant, Ontario, 1853."

Exchange List

Department of Education, Toronto.
Elgin Historical Society.
Essex Historical Society.
Kent Historical Society.
Law Society of Upper Canada, Osgoode Hall.
Lundy's Lane Historical Society.
Inspector Ontario Public Libraries.
Niagara Historical Society.
Ontario Archives.
Ontario Historical Society.
United Counties Historical Society, Cornwall.
Waterloo Historical Society.
Western Reserve Historical Society, Cleveland.
Woman's Canadian Historical Society, Ottawa.
Women's Wentworth Historical Society.
York Pioneer Historical Society.

